that we are not for it. So far as I am concerned, it was a slip. I now notice the omission and bring it to the notice of the Government. I want to know whether it was a deliberate giving up of that policy of the holding of exhibitions or it is only an omission. If it is an omission, I have no complaint. If it is not an omission, and if it is a deliberate giving up, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government that it is a desirable institution and that it should be continued.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Might have been a change of policy on the part of the Government.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The idea is not abandoned. Somehow or other it was not included.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as I remember, there was no deliberate abandoning of that policy of the holding of exhibitions. I cannot exactly say the reason that led to it. Most probably in every taluk there has been an exhibition.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Only three, Sir, Talappilli, Chittur and Mukundapuram.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It may be better if small exhibitions were sometimes conducted in groups of Villages and groups of Panchayats instead of in the Central Taluk Head-quarters. Anyway, I can assure the House that there is no deliberate abandoning of the policy. It can be taken up again.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put : *That the demand minus Rs. 2 may be passed. The demand minus Rs. 2, was carried.*

3. II.—Agriculture and Panchayats—Rs. 2,792.

President.—The next is the demand of Rs. 2,792 under II —Agriculture and Panchayats.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,792 under "Village Panchayats". This amount represents the cost of stationery articles (642—11—0) and that of registers and forms (2,148—11—0) supplied to the Panchayats.

Till the beginning of the current year, articles of stationery, forms and registers were supplied free. The Government ordered, in accordance with the Special Finance Committee's finding, that the cost should be recovered from the Panchayats.

Orders were received only in December last.

There is no provision for this allotment in the budget of the current year nor is there any scope for any transfer of savings from other sources.

I request that the Council may be pleased to sanction the additional allotment applied for.

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Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,792 for II—Agriculture and Panchayats by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this motion for the purpose of bringing to the notice of the Government the necessity of a sluice at Chellanam for agricultural purposes, and also to bring before the Government the question of examining afresh the necessity of opening the Malayattur reserve forest on the bank, of the river which, people state, is eminently suited for occupation by ryots. I also wish to call the attention of the Government to the tardy manner in which the scheme of putting a sluice was conducted at somewhere near Puthotta for the purpose of cultivation of the Karinilam lands in the Amballur Group. These questions are engaging the attention of the Government; in order that the Government may move a little faster, this motion has been tabled.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I would like to ask the Hon'ble Member some additional information about the sluice referred to in Chellanam.

Mr. A B. Salem.—There are three sluices suggested in that village, at Nattuthode, north corner and the Padinjare thodu and the southern corner, Pathayam. These kariniloms are served by the sluice and their idea is that it should be put up in Vrischigam and opened in Edavam after the rains.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That matter is not clear, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There are three sluices there.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—We have a number of sluices in Chellanam, some of them are in very good order and some of them are out of order. Two more sluices have been proposed to be put up. I would like to know to which particular place the Hon'ble Member refers.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The southern-most one.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That is in order.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Representations have been made to me.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—If the Hon'ble Member means a sluice on the southern-most side of Kumbalangy, that is a question which is under the consideration of the Government. As regards the assignment of lands in Malayattur, the Member for Forests will speak. And the Member for Engineering will speak about Puthotta.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know whether anything has been done for the years 1104 and 1105? I think 16,000 was budgetted; but this year this item has been dropped out of the budget. I happened to bring this to the notice of the

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Government and I was given to understand that, on account of the non-co-operation or want of co-operation of the Travancore Government, the work could not be carried out. I press upon the Government the necessity of once more trying to move the Travancore Government and, if they cannot be moved directly, to try to move them through the British Government or the Agent of the British Government. I wish to know whether anything has been done. It is a very regrettable matter that a very useful work is pending even after repeated allotments have been made in the budget. I believe about 20 thousand paras of paddy land, capable of producing more than 2 lakhas of paddy, such a paddy land is practically neglected, if not altogether wasted. I submit the Government ought to take vigorous measures to get into touch directly or indirectly. I wish to know whether anything has been done since the last budget.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as we know, the matter has not progressed any further than what it was at the time of the last Budget Session. I had spoken about this matter to the Chief Engineer, Travancore, and he had promised to look into the matter.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Travancore Government and whether the Government has given up or whether they will take it up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government has taken up the matter with the Travancore Government.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Any communications with the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Of course, there is a reserve forest of some 100 acres in extent on the right bank of the Periyar river. It is about 50 years old. It is growing pretty well. In fact, that reserve forest affords protection to the whole of the Malayattur village. In the floods of 1099, had it not been for that forest, the whole of the village would have been washed off and the bend of the Periyar river would have been straightened. I don't think it advisable to disafforest that piece of land for ordinary cultivation.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put.—"*That the demand may be passed*".

Motion carried.

4. II.—Agriculture and Panchayats T. A.—Rs. 1,000.

President.—The next is the demand for Rs. 1,000 under Agriculture and Panchayats—Travelling allowance.

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